ing of 6 India Reserve Bns in North Eastern States in Jan., 1997 as per details given below:—

Name of State	No. of Bns	Amount Sanctioned
		(Rs. in crores)
Assam	2	18.00
Arunachal Pradesh	2	18.00
Manipur	1	9.00
Tripura	1	9.00

सीमा पार करते हुए गिरफ्तार किए गए व्यक्ति

3388. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत दो माह के दौरान देश की सीमा पार करते हुए कितने व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया;

(ख) क्या उनसे कोई विस्फोटक सामग्री जब्त की गई; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मो० मकबूल डार): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Rise in crime against SCs/STs and OBCs

3389. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the atrocities on SC, ST, OBC and women are on the rise during the last six years;

(b) if so, the details about such crimes, State-wise during the last six years; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in order to curb the rising trend of criminilisation of society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Available information is given in the Annexure (*See* Appnedix 180, Annexure No. 69).

(c) As 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has been extending financial assistance to the State Governments for strengthening their policing infrastructure. The Central Government has also been sending advisories to the State Governments, from time to time, to improve the functioning of their criminal justice system. The State Governments have also been advised to be extra vigilant in the matter of prevention of crime against SCs/STs and other weaker sections of the society including women.

French Ocean survey Espionage case

3390. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the French ocean survey espionage case at Kochi being investigated by the C.B.I.;

(b) whether the investigations have since been completed and if so, the names of persons involved in the said case and the details of the charge-sheet filed against them; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above, be in the negative, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) On 4.1.96, the Coast Guard lodged a complaint with the Harbour Police Station Cochin against foreign vessel 'Galathee' M/s Golden Octopvs Company of France, M/s Furs Investment Private Ltd., Goa and Six crew members of vessel 'Galathee' for conducting unauthorised marine survey off the shores the Cochin.

Investigation in the case revealed commission of offence by some of the accused under the Official Secrets Act, 1923. Necessary sanction has been given